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lawyer in need of quick service can find the "meat of the law" ready for immediate use. It is a book to be carried in the court room, to lie upon the judge's desk, and to be used when no time can be allowed for the consultation of the larger work. It is eminently practical, both in selection and statement and, going back to the first principles it at the same time refers to sufficient authority and contains many practical suggestions as to questions—something decidedly novel in such works. It refers to the larger work of Mr. Chamberlayne in such a way that one who desires to make a more thorough examination of any question may readily do so and find this smaller work a valuable index to the larger. We have used the five column edition very frequently. We expect to make this volume our companion in the court room and our ready friend in the office.

The Lawyers Reports Annotated—Burdett A. Riche, Henry P. Farnham and George E. Parmele, Editors, Assisted by the Publishers Editorial Staff. The Lawyers Cooperative Publishing Company, Rochester, New York. Volumes 1918E and 1918F.

These two volumes of this most excellent series came whilst the reviewer was in a foreign country, it has afforded him much pleasure to examine them, which he finds as usual excellently selected and admirably annotated. In Volume E the following notes are of particular interest: "Effect of the Re-issue of a Bill or Note That Has Been Paid by, or Transferred to a Party Primarily Liable Thereon." "Right of Stockholder after Insolvency to Set off Debt Due Him from Corporation against His Liability on Unpaid Stock Subscription." "Liability for Damages from Enforcement of Quarantine." "Specific Performance of Contracts in Relation to Personal Property," a note of peculiar interest and novelty. There is a note on page 1018 collating the court decisions under the Selective Service Act of May 18th, 1917, which of course is now more historical than of real interest. There is quite a lengthy note, almost amounting to a treatise on "Testamentary Gift in the Form of a Direction to Pay, to Divide or to Convey as Contingent on Survival of the Time of Payment or Conveyance." No Virginia case is annotated in this volume.

In Volume 1918F we find on page 8 a monograph on "Liability of Principal for Services Performed under Contract with His Agent by Persons Other Than Sub Agents or Servants." On page 209, "Applicability of Compensation Statutes to Minors." On page 483, "Who Are Dependents within the Meaning of the Compensation Statutes." An exceedingly interesting and valuable note is to be found on page 609 as to "Validity and Effect of a Judgment Designated in an Action as Unknown." On page 698 "Adding of Another Party to Negotiable Instrument after Its Execution and Delivery as a Material Alteration." Page 982, "What Constitutes Violation of Criminal Statute against Issuing Checks or Drafts without Funds." Page 1148, "What Circumstances Are Sufficient to Put a Purchaser of Negotiable Paper on Inquiry." No Virginia case is annotated in this volume.